

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 11-14 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

**Group I** (claims 1-9) drawn to a method for screening compounds safe for gastric mucosa;

**Group II** (claims 10-11) drawn to anti-inflammatory or gastric mucosa-protecting compounds obtained by screening assay of Group I;

**Group III** (claim 12-14) drawn to liposomes comprising a phospholipid encapsulating a fluorescent dye.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-9). Claims 10-11 are withdrawn; applicants respectfully request that claims 10 and 11 as amended be considered for rejoinder since they are dependent on claims within Group I (namely 7 and 9 respectively). Claims 12-14 are cancelled.

Additional new claims 15 and 16 have been added.

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Reply to Non-Final Office Action (Restriction Requirement) of Oct. 31, 2008

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

Respectfully submitted,

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